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### A Curious Invention.

An invention designed for use in Sunday-schools is just being completed by N. R. Harper, the colored lawyer of Louisville, which is intended to add much to the interest of Sunday-school work. The invention is an automatic register, bearing the resemblance of a large-sized cabinet organ, which sits in front of the school. As each scholar enters the Sunday-school room he goes directly to the register, draws a knob resembling a draw-stop of an organ, and instantly his number appears upon a little disk at the top of the register. These numbers run from one to two hundred and forty, and can be used in a school of any size. One side of the register is for boys and the other for girls, and by this means the scholar has not only the pleasure of registering his own attendance, but the number of persons in attendance, male and female, can be seen by any one at any time during the session of the school. A curious feature about the contrivance is that at the same time a pupil registers his attendance a reward card drops from a miniature tower upon a little desk just in front of him and he takes it up and goes to his class. At the operating base is arranged little receptacles for class collections, so that if desired the person registering can at the same time deposit his class collection in the receptacle which belongs to his class. Two banners—one for boys the other for girls—are made to operate to a series of twelve numbers on each side of the register, by which the Superintendent can arrange the banner scholar at any number he desires. When that number is registered a little staff is released and a beautiful attendance banner is seen up three feet above the top of the register. Mr. Harper is going to get out a patent.

### Webster's Real Last Words.

As we have heard the story from a distinguished Massachusetts divine, and as he said he heard it from one of the attending physicians, "I still live," were not Webster's last words, but next to his last. For days he had been kept alive by frequent doses of brandy, his favorite and almost exclusive beverage for years. His bed was surrounded by affectionate and anxious watchers. As the vital spark went flickering out, one of the attendants at the bed-side was about to put some more of the beloved liquor between his lips, and the physician interposed, saying: "It is all over—he is dead." Then Webster opened his great solemn eyes and faintly whispered, with his last expiring, fluttering breath: "I still live—more brandy!"

It is a pity, perhaps, to destroy any popular illusion which is creditable to human nature. But the truth is more precious even than faith; and that this is the truth about Webster's dying utterance, we have no manner of doubt. His last words were "More brandy!" and he only said "I still live" that he might get it. And the real, sober truth about his death is not without its lesson, either.—[Buffalo Express.]

### Carver County.

The republicans of Carver county have, among other things, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we condemn the action of the State administration in sending State troops to Grayson during the Neal and Craft trial in February last, and quartering them upon citizens in time of peace. It was an offense and insult to the people of Carver county, and treating with contempt the action of its best citizens in convention assembled, who voted the universal sentiment, in resolutions adopted, that there would be no interference in any way with the proceedings of the court. It was an imposition upon the tax payers of this Commonwealth, necessitating the expenditure of a large amount of money to no good purpose.

After the dust has been thoroughly beaten out of carpets, and they are tacked down again, they can be brightened very much by scattering corn meal-mixed with coarse salt over them, and then sweeping it all off. Mix the salt and meal in equal proportions.

### The Thompson Trial.

Thompson, on very doubtful evidence of impropriety between his wife and the murdered man, sought out his victim and in cold blood shot him down. No wonder immigration to this State is so slow, when crimes like this go unpunished, and when Judges express from the bench their sympathy for the murderers.—[Warsaw Independent.]

Thompson was not justifiable in proceeding upon a desperate mission upon the basis which governed him. He had abandoned his wife weeks before on account of her dissipated habits, and her conduct should not have further concerned him. Whether convicted or not he has added a shadow to his own existence and to innocent parties which he will never escape.—[Bowling Green Gazette.]

It begins to look now as if the husband, who stands before the world as a homicide and the destroyer of his wife's peace of mind, did so upon the avowment of a female whose previous life does not entitle her to credit. The language of the injured wife bears the stamp of sincerity, while the cool assurance of the marplot shows her to be not at all discomposed by her unenviable notoriety.—[Atlanta Constitution.]

The statement that Phil Thompson was found not guilty of the murder of Walter Davis will not strike the reading public in the nature of news. The trial was merely *pro forma*, as everybody knew what the verdict would be. The judicial investigation of the case has thrown no new light upon the wretched affair, and many will retain their first formed opinion of it. His trials, if not tribulations, recall the remarks of Col. W. O. Bradley about Ebenezer Best, of Garrard county. "Sex is not a bad man," said the proud wearer of a "300" medal, "but he has been a little unfortunate. In fact, he has killed five men and wounded as many more—but he is a very clever fellow."—[Cincinnati News Journal.]

### A Dentist tells a Queer Story.

"Why," said a prominent dentist to a Journal reporter, "a beautiful young lady came to me and insisted on having her really fine teeth pulled out and false ones put in their place. I protested that it would be foolish, silly, senseless; but she said no, she would have them out, and if I would not do it, some other dentist would. 'My teeth are not fashionable,' said she; 'they are too long and short; little broad teeth, like corn kernels, are all the fashion now, and no one admires my mouth, and I will have them.' So I made her the teeth and they cost her just \$300. She couldn't see any one for two weeks after I pulled out her own. They were the upper ones only and I made them up with gold plates for a handsome young fellow who had his own knocked out in a base ball game. The worst of it is that he is in love with this very girl whose teeth he wears, and she knows they are her's. Just ponder on that."—[New York Morning Journal.]

### Electricity for Balking Horses.

It is thought that a new cure has been discovered for balking horses by the application of electricity. A gentleman of Baltimore, who had a horse subject to balking, placed an electric battery, with an induction coil, in his buggy, and ran the wires to the horse's bit and crupper, and as soon as the horse came to a standstill the current was turned on, and after the horse was relieved of his shock, it is said, he proceeded without showing any disposition to balk. The same application was successfully made to a horse who indulged in cribbing, whereof he was soon cured through the unpleasantness of the electric shock. Those who have balking or cribbing horses may give the foregoing a trial.

The bloody chasm that has so long yawned between Ohio and Kentucky may be regarded as not only bridged, but filled up and soddled over with blue-grass sward. Last week the "Bourbon" democracy of our once estranged sister State nominated ex-Federal over ex-Confederate soldiers, and yesterday the grand commandery ordered every Knight Templar in the State to contribute \$1 to the Garfield monument fund. This last act discloses the strawberry mark on the arm of our long lost sister, and our arms are flung wide open to receive as many of her pretty daughters as can rush into them.—[Cincinnati News Journal.]

Miss Sadie Miller, of Myersville, Somerset county, Pa., wishing to disengage her father with the country because she desired a residence in the city, played the part of a ghost for a week. She had nearly scared the old folks into moving, when she was detected. She is now pining in a reformatory.

### Lowardice of Suicide.

Scarcely a day goes by without a suicide or two. Statistics show that self-destruction has almost taken the form of an epidemic, and sooth to say, it is on the increase rather than on the decrease. There is something so utterly selfish in suicide that one can not help mingling contempt with pity for the wretch who has committed it. Hamlet was in doubt as to the nobility of suffering in silent fortitude on earth rather than flying to the other world for rest and doubtful relief from the ill that flesh is heir to. Shakespeare preached a homily on this theme in an uncertain strain; not so the poet philosophers of more ancient and modern date. Massinger wrote that "He's not valiant that dreads to die, but he that nobly bears calamity." Martial stated that the coward sneaks to death; the brave lives when all the blandishments of life are gone; and Darley calls self-slaughter a pious souled piece of heroism. Even old Aristotle condemned suicide, and urged that it was cowardice to shun the trials and crosses of life and to seek refuge from them in death. All the wisdom of the ripper sages cries out against *felo de se*, and every body admits unreservedly that the married man who puts a period to his miserable existence and leaves his wife and helpless children to battle with the world he dared not face, was too mean to live and too despicable to mourn.—[Philadelphia Item.]

A LOVER WON BY STRATEGY.—A handsome Senorita went to one of the best photographers in Madrid lately to have her picture taken. When the posture was all settled, and the cloth was about to be drawn, the artist threw a last glance at his subject and, to his consternation, found that she was holding a pistol to her head. "What are you doing?" he cried; "you will not shoot yourself, it would ruin my business; besides it would be wicked to mar so lovely a face." "Do not be afraid," she replied; "I have no thought of spoiling the original of one of your best pictures; but my love has left me, and I'm going to send him my photograph in this posture, with the message that I'll fire if he does not return to me." A few weeks after, the photographer had the pleasure of taking the portraits of a young married pair—without the pistol.—[Madrid Letter.]

The following are the duties as contained in the new tariff bill, upon cereals and their products: Wheat, 20 cents per bushel; rye and barley, 10 cents per bushel; barley malt, per bushel of thirty-four pounds, 20 cts; Indian corn or maize, 10 cents per bushel; oats, 10 cents per bushel; corn meal, 10 cents per bushel of forty-eight pounds; oat meal, 1 cent per pound; rye flour, 1 cent per pound; wheat flour, 20 per cent ad valorem; potato or corn starch, 2 cents per pound; rice starch, 2 1/2 cents per pound; other starch, 2 1/2 cents per pound; rice, cleaned, 2 1/2 cents per pound; uncleaned, 1 1/2 cents per pound; paddy, 1 1/2 cents per pound; rice flour 20 per cent ad valorem per pound.

SENTIMENT AND REALITY.—This is the time of year when the boy does sidle up beside the little laden-colored maiden of his tribe, and talks of picnicking and making stick nests. And this is about the same time of the year that the silly little thing listens to him and finds herself packing red worms and corn grains to her little bower-hidden home, while the old man sits in the sun on the barn-comb, with his craw full of stolen wheat, and coos and moans as though he had cultivated five acres in tobacco and twenty in corn.

The Bath (Mo.) Times tells of a lady in that city who is only about thirty years old, and in her short life she has been struck by lightning twice; has been on the train when it was attacked by robbers once; has been apparently drowned twice; abducted twice and met with numerous accidents with horses, and still she is hale and hearty. In addition to the lady's other troubles she has been nearly forced into an unwilling marriage.

Smoke will soon be at a premium. From 2,800,000 cubic feet of smoke given out by 1,000 cords of wood, it is said 12,000 pounds of acetate of lime, 200 gallons of alcohol, and twenty-five pounds of tar may be obtained.—[Exchange.]

All diseases resulting from self-abuse, as nervous debility, mental anxiety, depression of spirit and functional derangement of nervous system, cured by German Infusorator. See advertisement. For sale by Penny & McAllister.

### The Great Red Spot.

Astronomers are speculating as to the meaning of the great red spot recently seen on the surface of the planet Jupiter. It is computed to be thirty thousand miles long by six to eight thousand miles wide. The matter has been discussed at the various meetings of scientists in this country and Europe, and the general impression seems to be that by some commotion, a portion of the atmosphere of the planet has been temporarily displaced, thus showing a section of its surface. The opinion has long prevailed that Jupiter is as yet a huge molten mass, which is gradually cooling off, and which, in countless ages, may develop land and water, and, in time, life, similar to that now existing on this globe. Speculations about the distant planets are very fascinating to students of astronomy, but as yet the facts in our possession are very few. So far as discovered, however, while life, as we know it, probably exists on Venus and Mars, there is no trace of it in Jupiter, Saturn and the other mighty planets still more distant from the sun.—[Democrat's Monthly.]

UNION PARTIES.—At Creston, in this State, union parties are all the rage now. Six young ladies take an onion with them into a room, and one of them takes a bite of it. Then a young man is admitted, and after kissing all of them, if he fails to tell which one bit the "onion," why then all the girls are compelled to kiss him, or he is compelled to kiss all of them we forget which. The play will have a big run there if the onions hold out. A chromo goes with the play: "Married men," it is said, "are not admitted to the game. They are too keen on the scent. What a married man does not recollect saying to his wife at least once, 'confound it, you've been eating' onions again!'"—[Des Moines Register.]

The New York World says: "The democrats of Kentucky yesterday nominated Hon. J. Proctor Knott for Governor. His principal opponent, Thomas L. Jones, is a most excellent man but Proctor Knott, by reason of his great ability, his geniality, his story-telling ability and love of fine horses, is a representative Kentuckian, and his popularity is unbounded. He quit going to Congress in order to make the race for Governor, and we are glad that his ambition is in a fair way to be crowned."

The following is a simple mode of rendering water almost as cold as ice. Let the jar, pitcher or vessel used for water be surrounded with one or more folds of coarse cotton, kept constantly wet. The evaporation of the water will carry off the heat from the inside and reduce it to a freezing point. In India and other tropical regions where ice can not be procured this is very common.—[San Francisco Chronicle.]

Our young ladies "can not be excelled in quantity and quality of work done." They not only empty their "sticks," but take impressions, correct proof, in short do all of the office work save running the press in printing the paper. One of the neatest pieces of "job work" ever done in this county was done wholly by our junior "devil" last week.—[Durant Educational Journal.]

Mr. Howells begins the sixth part of "A Woman's Reason," in the June Century, with this apothegm: "The character of no man is fixed till it has been tried by that of the woman he loves. Till then he has only the materials of character, and they are all to be shaped and ordered as newly as if he had never had them before."

The present is a good time to collect the bones scattered about the premises, break them up and bury them near the roots of fruit trees or grape vines. If the bodies of half the worthless dogs owned in the country could be similarly planted, they would be of much more service than their animated carcasses are above ground.

Dakota, in addition to her spring wheat crops, has May snow storms, of which she should be proud. When Dakota takes snuff Nebraska and Texas begin to sneeze, and soon the old storm king is blowing his nose in a spring influenza all over the country.

John Bright, alleged inventor of a celebrated disease of the kidneys, sits up drinking cold tea and smoking cigars until 2 o'clock in the morning.

Dr. John E. Davis, Louisville, says: "I recommend Brown's Iron Bitters, for rheumatism or neuralgia, with very satisfactory results."

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"Though Lost to Sight, To Memory Dear."

The Tewksbury tannery of negro skins and the hot-house graded school system, as stirred up in Massachusetts, are distracting public attention to a painful extent from the proper contemplation of the bloody "shirt," and we don't see why Senator Hoar has not been furnished with the wardrobe of the late Eliza Pinkston. It must have been bequeathed to him. The "visiting statesmen," too, have sadly neglected the concession of proper posthumous honors to poor Eliza, whose soul went unshrived of perjuries they prescribed for her utterance into the presence of an outraged God. A proper use of Eliza Pinkston's sweet memory would be eminently proper just now. The hoary Mr. Hoar has been hoarding it long enough. Up with the bloody shirt and down with the Tewksbury tannery!—[American Register.]

A traveler down the "Suwanee River" says that that song renowned stream is the most beautiful in all Florida. It is tranquilly beautiful, flowing smoothly, evenly and rapidly to the sea between banks clad with tall cypress, live oak and evergreen shrubbery. It is ever soft and graceful in outline and curve.

Philadelphia has another Sunday paper which is called *Truth*, a popular title now, publishers hoping that if their ventures are crushed to the earth they may rise again.

Three factories in the United States consume nearly two million eggs a year in making the peculiar kind of paper used by photographers known as albumen paper.

An old Georgia lady of great experience, says that children born on the decrease of the moon are more apt to be girls and those on the full moon are boys.

W. P. Johnson, Louisville, says, "I tried Brown's Iron Bitters as a tonic and found it to be all it is recommended to be."

The American Bell Telephone Company has, it is said, erected 2,000,000 miles of overhead wire during the past year.

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